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METHOD AND IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Please amend the above identified application, as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please AMEND the specification at page 1, line 1, as follows:

~~This application is a continuation of PCT/JP/00605, filed on January 28, 2002.~~

This application is a continuing application, filed under 35 U.S.C. §111(a), of International application PCT/JP02/00605, filed January 28, 2002, which International Application, in turn, claims priority benefit based upon Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-022337, filed January 30, 2001, the contents of which are incorporated by reference.